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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON INFLUENZA (LA GRIPPE).

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whether influenza or la grippe is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), mortality, and the treatment, sanitary and medicinal, with as full statistics as possible. The information is desired for publication in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

In addition to present conditions, a statement is also desired as to dates (even though approximate) of the appearance of la grippe and the estimated number of cases to date of report.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., January 26, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended January 26, 1901, 3 new cases of smallpox in this city. Number remaining under treatment at beginning of week, 6; new cases during week, 3; discharged during week, 4; remaining under treatment at end of week, 5. Total cases December 22, 1900, to January 26, 1901, 19.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO, ILL., January 20, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 13 cases of smallpox were discovered in this city yesterday and taken to the isolation hospital.

Respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Louisiana.

SHREVEPORT, LA., January 20, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose the report of the smallpox situation at this port for the week ended January 19, 1901, and will keep you advised every week. All cases have been imported except 1, that developed from exposure to a case in charity hospital. There is

smallpox at Monroe, Calhoun, and Ruston, La., towns on V. S. & P. R. R. It is also reported at other points north and east of this place, but not officially.

Respectfully,

J. F. O'LEARY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Minnesota January 1 to 14, 1901.

ST. PAUL, MINN., *January 16, 1901.*

SIR: For the first fourteen days of January, 1900, I have to report smallpox in this State as follows: Minneapolis, 1; St. Paul, 7; Winona, many cases; Aitkin Village, Aitkin County, 1; Graceville Village, Big Stone County, 2; Springfield Village, Brown County, 1; Stately Township, Brown County, 1; Cloquet Village, Carlton County, 2; Knife Falls Township, Carlton County, 2; Thompson Township, Carlton County, 1; Benton Township, Carver County, 3; Crow Wing County, 1; Ellington Township, Dodge County, 1; Rice Lake Township, Dodge County, 1; West Concord Village, Dodge County, 1; Arc-tander Township, Kandiyohi County, 1; Holland Township, Kandiyohi County, 7; St. Johns, Kandiyohi County, 1; Two Harbors, Lake County, 1; Lexington Township, LeSueur County, 9; LeSueur Town-ship, LeSueur County, 7; Lake Marshall Township, Lyon County, 7; Lynd Township, Lyon County, 1; Tracy Village, Lyon County, 2; McCrea Township, Marshall County, 1; Acton Township, Meeker County, 1; Fergus Falls, Ottertail County, 1; Grange Township, Pipestone County, 3; Holland, Pipestone County, 10; New Canada Township, Ramsey County, 1; Charlestown Township, Redwood County, 1; Redwood Township, Redwood County, 1; Adolph Town-ship, St. Louis County, 1; Great Scott, St. Louis County, 2; Virginia, St. Louis County, 1; other parts of county, 4; Owatonna, Steele County, 2; Benson, Swift County, 2; Burnhamville Township, Todd County, 2; Verndale, Wadena County, 2; Waseca, Waseca County, 3; Woodville Township, Waseca County, 1; Wilson Township, Winona County, 9; Canby, Yellow Medicine County, 1; Cokato, Wright County, 1; Middleville Township, Wright County, 1; Victor, Wright County, 1.

Respectfully,

H. M. BRACKEN,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Smallpox in North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. DAK., *January 20, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following cases of smallpox in this State at this date: Bismarck, January 20, 1 case; Jamestown, January 7, 1 case; Mandan, January 15, 1 case.

There are said to be several cases in Morton County, but I have been unable to get particulars so far, but have written to the county health officer.

The case in Bismarck I saw to-day, with Dr. Matchan, superintendent of the county board of health, and found the patient to be a man, aged 25, who had been exposed to what was supposed to be varicella, and probably was, in two children in a family, where he was in the habit of visiting.

The patient has an abundant papular eruption with pustules forming and coming out gradually. The papules are umbilicated and unlike the vesicles found in varicella. The patient had a temperature of 102°